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DATE:

February 2, 1983

TO:

File/USEPA Region V

FROM:

Mark Lunsford

SUBJECT:

Preliminary Assessment

Ohio/TDD#R5-8212-05A, PAG#241 Salem/Nease Chemical Company

OHD980610018

Attached is EPA's Preliminary Assessment Form 2070-12 for the above referenced site.

Primary information was gathered from the following source(s):

- 1. Ecology and Environment files including safety plan,
- 2. site inspection report, HRS worksheets USEPA files Region V, Chicago
- 3. Ohio EPA Conversation with Garry Gifford NEDO

Information indicates the following responsible parties should be listed. They are listed here because of space limitations:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Presently, data gaps or no verification exists in the following key area(s):

- 1. Breakdown on quantities of different waste types 2. on site.

A review of the available data indicates that additional information will be necessary to assess the impact(s) on:

- 1. Groundwater
- 2. Surface water of Little Beaver Creek
- 3. Extent of soil contamination
- 4.
- 5.

Suggested methods/sources for obtaining additional information are:

- 1. Gary Gifford, Ohio EPA, NE District Office, Twinsburg, Ol
- 2. Nease Chemical Company records
- 3. Rudolf Schuller, SMC Martin, Inc./P.O. Box 859, Valley Forge, PA 19482 4. J. Baronzzi - (216)424-3211 Notice of an apparent need for emergency action was transmitted

to	None	on	none	
by				

COMMENTS

- Plant produced chloramine B (used in Drano), benzosulfonic acid, hexachloroethylene (a confirmed kepone product).
 Also kepone was thought to be produced, but this claim is disputed. Other pesticide and fire retardant products were manufactured there also.
- Reactions at plant commonly used Cl₂, Oleum, HNO₃, HCl, NH₃ and chlorosulfonic acid.
- 3. In 1972 nearby residents filed a "public nuisance" suit in County Court against Nease Chemical and won. Case uncovered poor wastewater practices at plant, which gave Court of EPA cause to shut down the operations there.
- 4. Owners of the site have shown that they are willing to improve conditions there by hiring a consulting firm, SMC Martin, Incorporated of Valley Forge, PA, to conduct a full field investigation of the site to determine the extent of contamination and to evaluate feasible remedial plans. To date a magnetometer survey, fence installation to secure the site and sampling of soil, sediments and surface water have been completed. Backhoes have been used to excavate areas where buried drums are suspected. Monitoring wells were drilled and sampled. No results are yet available from SMC Martin's sampling.

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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMEN

1. IDENTIFICATION

OF STATE OF SITE NUMBER

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PART 1-	SITE INFORMAT	ION A	ND ASSESSM	ENT LOH	_1D4X0@10018
II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION					
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Continue for ~1.5 miles. Site will be			22933P TP	road.	
* Site is In Mahoning; Salem is in Col.	umbia County				
01 OWNER If known		OZ STREE	T (Business making re	signifial)	
Harold E. Klatz	1	Po	Box 22)	
03 CITY		04 STATE	05 ZIP CODE	06 TELEPHONE NUMBER	
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04 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENT	05 AGENCY		ANIZATION	07 TELEPHONE NUMBER	OB DATE
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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PART 2. WASTE INFORMATION

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01 B J DAMAGE TO FLORA 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 DOBSERVED (DATE)	O POTENTIAL	■ ALLEGED
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impacted - at least in the short te or an unstable containment of wastes		□ POTENTIAL	M ALLEGED
03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED 7155	04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION		
Plant closed because of poor wastewater of		e ounce. Un	ined -
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01 □ N DAMAGE TO OFFSITE PROPERTY 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 DOBSERVED (DATE)	☐ POTENTIAL	D ALLEGED
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04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION			
D1 9 P ILLEGAL/UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING	02 🗆 OBSERVED (DATE)	■ POTENTIAL	☐ ALLEGED
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION			
Plant was built on top of the ol	a city dump,		
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05 DESCRIPTION OF ANY OTHER KNOWN, POTENTIAL, OR ALLEC	GED HAZARDS		ļ
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III. TOTAL POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:	~7155		
IV. COMMENTS			
- see attached page after 1	Cover Letter—		
V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cressorethe relationes), 9 g. state fires, 1			
Gary Gifford, OEPA NE District OFF Etf Files - includes Ste Inspection, R	leport, ARS worksheets, air s	ampling resu	145
USEPA Chicago, 16			}